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SUBJECT: ILO

1. IN MY CALL THIS MORNING ON THE AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN, WE AGAIN DISCUSSED THE ILO SITUATION. HE MADE THE POINT THAT THE ILO IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SPAIN. WHEN THE FRANCO REGIME ENDED THE NEW GOVERNMENT MOVED QUICKLY TO ENCOURAGE FREE TRADE UNIONS. THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE ILO CONVENTIONS HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL IN GUIDING THIS NEW MOVEMENT BY WORKERS " IN THE WESTERN WAY". HE SAID THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO USE THE ILO AS A STRONG COUNTER TO COMMUNIST LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. "IN THE DELICATE MOMENT AS WE MOVED INTO A NEW AREA FOR SPAIN, THE ILO SECRETARIAT AND THE WORKERS GROUP IN ILO HAVE BEN VERY HELPFUL". THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE POINT OF VIEW THAT SPAIN'S EXPERIENCE COULD BE

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VERY HELPFUL IN ASSISTING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN TRANSITIONS FROM DICTATORSHIPS TOWARDS DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS. THE ILO WAS CRITICAL OF THE FRANCO REGIME AND ITS CONSTANT PRESSURE DURING THOSE YEARS SERVED AS AN IMPORTANT ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE WORKERS' MOVEMENTS. HE SAID THAT SPAIN HAD RATIFIED THE ILO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION CONVENTION LAST APRIL, AND THE

DISCUSSIONS LEADING TOWARD THAT RATIFICATION AGAIN
SHOWED HOW USEFUL ILO COULD BE FOR COUNTRIES LIKE
SPAIN.

2. IF THE U.S. LEAVES THE ILO, "IT WOULD BE VERY BAD
FOR SPAIN." THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION
THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD CERTAINLY MOVE TO FILL
THE VACUM CAUSED BY THE U.S. DEPARTURE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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